

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. Frederick Dorchak on 1/28/10.

The application has been amended as follows:

Claim 1 (Amended): A connector comprising a connector body and a reinforcing member, said connector body comprising an elongated conductive contact, an insulator holding said contact, and a conductive hollow shell surrounding said insulator, said shell having a flange formed from a top edge of said shell and having a screw hole to be connected with a boss portion for fixing the connector to [an object] a panel to be fixed, said connector being used for mounting on a substrate, said reinforcing member comprising [a] reinforcing portions provided between said [object] panel and the substrate and contacting said flange, and an engaging portion connecting between said reinforcing portions engaging side walls of said shell,

wherein three side walls of said shell [has] have three faces surrounded by said engaging portion,

[a part of] said engaging portion [opposite to a release surface] being elastically [deformed] deformable to expand and reduce to an original position when engaged with the shell [to reduce an inner space so as to engage the shell or to increase an inner

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space so as to release the shell,] so that said reinforcing member is detachably fitted to said connector body[.] 1

wherein each of said reinforcing portions extends along the respective side wall of the shell from a top to a bottom of the respective side wall of the shell.

Claims 6, 7 and 9 have been canceled.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Hien D. Vu whose telephone number is 571-272-2016. The examiner can normally be reached on 9-5.

/Hien D. Vu/

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